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**To all those dedicated men and  
women of the pulpit who have  
always shown the way and who  
continue to lighten our path.**



# TELLING IT LIKE IT WAS



A MINISTER? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO DEVOTE YOUR LIFE TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR ALL BLACK PEOPLE.



WHAT BETTER PLACE TO DO THAT THAN FROM THE PULPIT OF A BLACK CHURCH?

SINCE 1740 CHRISTIAN RELIGION HAS BEEN A FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA

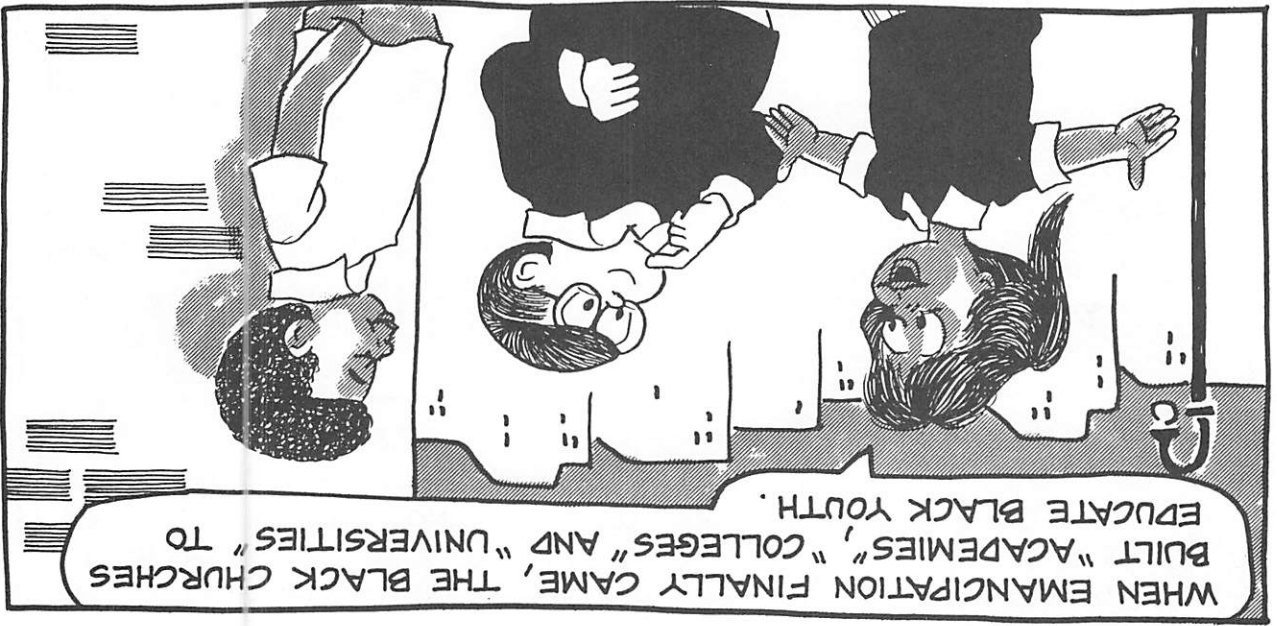


RELIGION MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF BLACK PEOPLE SINCE SLAVERY DAYS AND IT HAS CONTINUED TO MODIFY THE BLACK EXPERIENCE EVER SINCE WE BECAME A NATION.



HOW DID RELIGION HELP THE LIVES OF SLAVES?





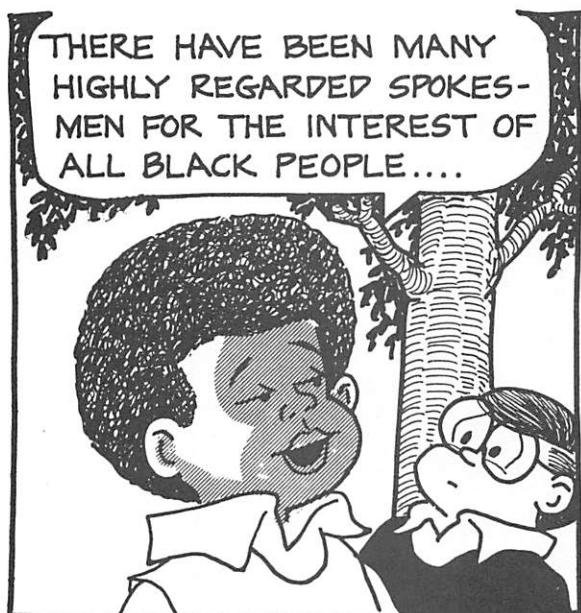
TODAY'S EDUCATED BLACK MIDDLE CLASS IS A MONUMENT TO THE VISION, FAITH AND SACRIFICE OF THE BLACK CHURCH.



SINCE THE BLACK CHURCH WAS THE ONLY "CONSTITUENCY" AVAILABLE TO BLACKS, IT BECAME A NATURAL TRAINING GROUND FOR BLACK POLITICAL LEADERS.



THERE HAVE BEEN MANY HIGHLY REGARDED SPOKESMEN FOR THE INTEREST OF ALL BLACK PEOPLE....

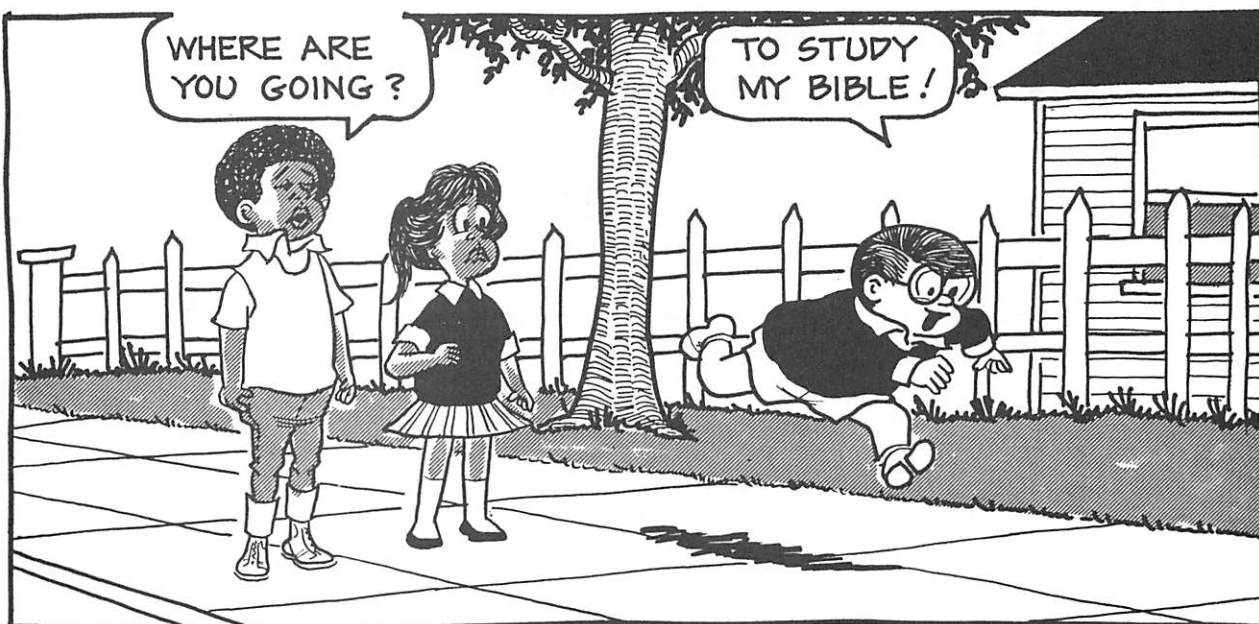


BISHOP HENRY McNEIL TURNER, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, MARTIN LUTHER KING, RALPH ABERNATHY, JESSE JACKSON, LEON SULLIVAN, ANDREW YOUNG AND MANY OTHER CHRISTIAN LEADERS.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO STUDY MY BIBLE!





RICHARD  
**ALLEN**  
1760 - 1831

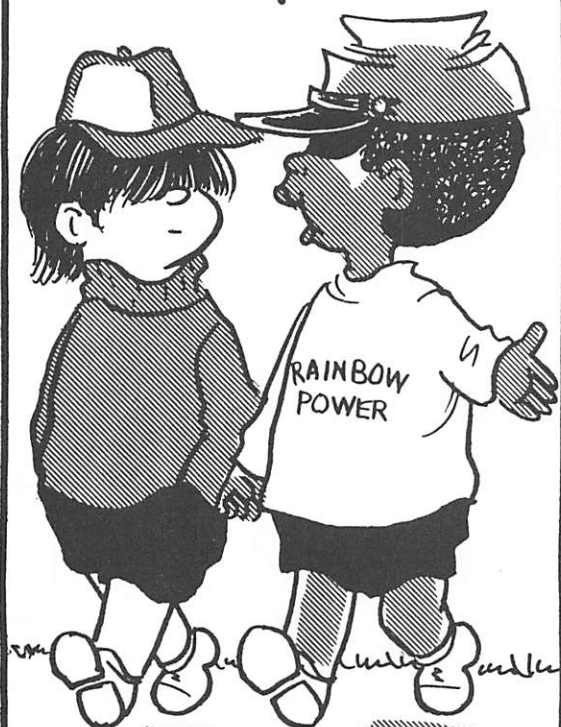


# THE RICHARD ALLEN STORY

I WISH I COULD  
BE LIKE RICHIE ALLEN,  
NIPPER.



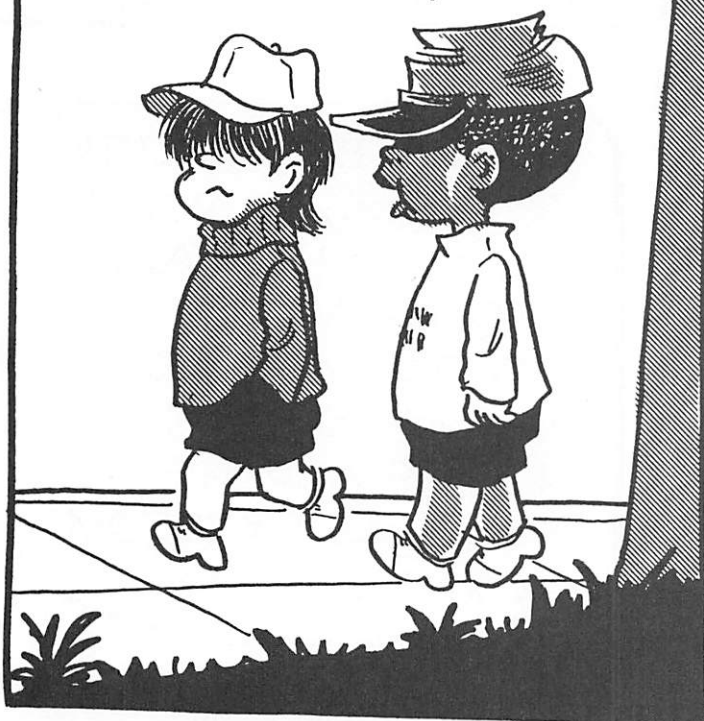
ME, TOO,  
WELLINGTON.  
RICHARD ALLEN  
WAS A  
GREAT  
MAN!



DURING THE REVOLUTION-  
ARY WAR, HE WAS A  
SLAVE WHO MADE  
ENOUGH MONEY AS  
A WOOD CUTTER  
AND WAGONER TO  
BUY HIS AND HIS  
BROTHER'S FREEDOM  
IN 1783.



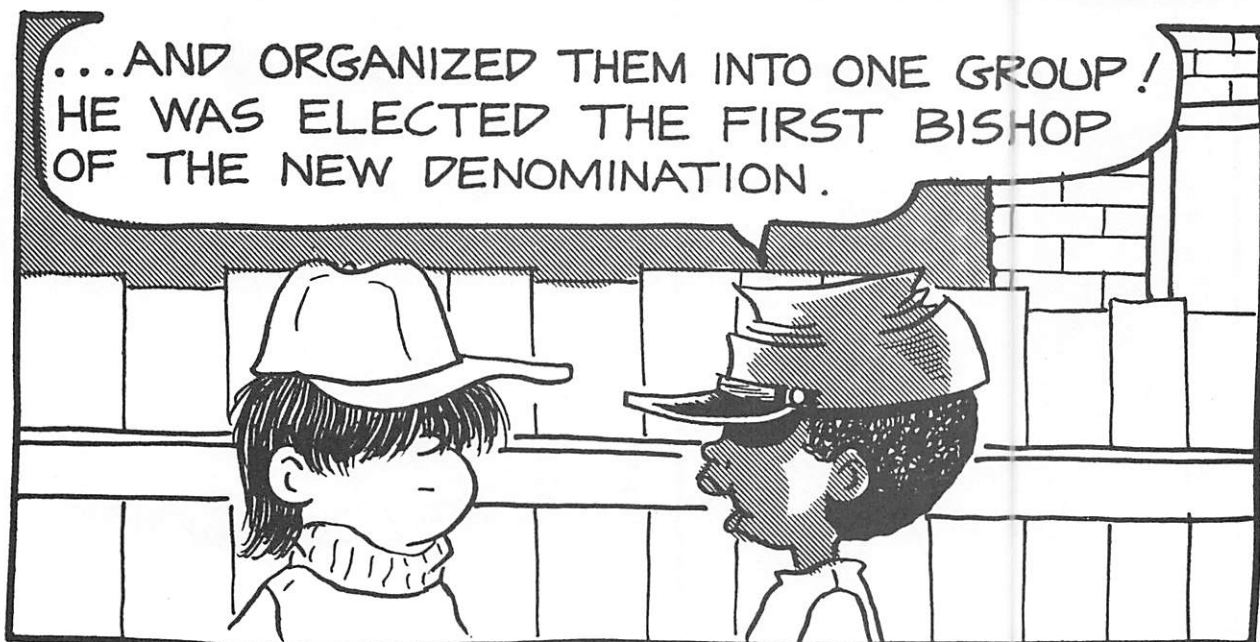
IN 1787 HE FOUNDED  
THE AFRICAN  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH, THE OLDEST  
AND LARGEST IN-  
STITUTION AMONG  
BLACK PEOPLE.



IN 1816 HE WAS  
A PRIME MOVER IN  
CALLING TOGETHER  
SIXTEEN INDEPEN-  
DENT BLACK  
METHODIST CON-  
GREGATIONS FROM  
DIFFERENT STATES  
.....



...AND ORGANIZED THEM INTO ONE GROUP!  
HE WAS ELECTED THE FIRST BISHOP  
OF THE NEW DENOMINATION.

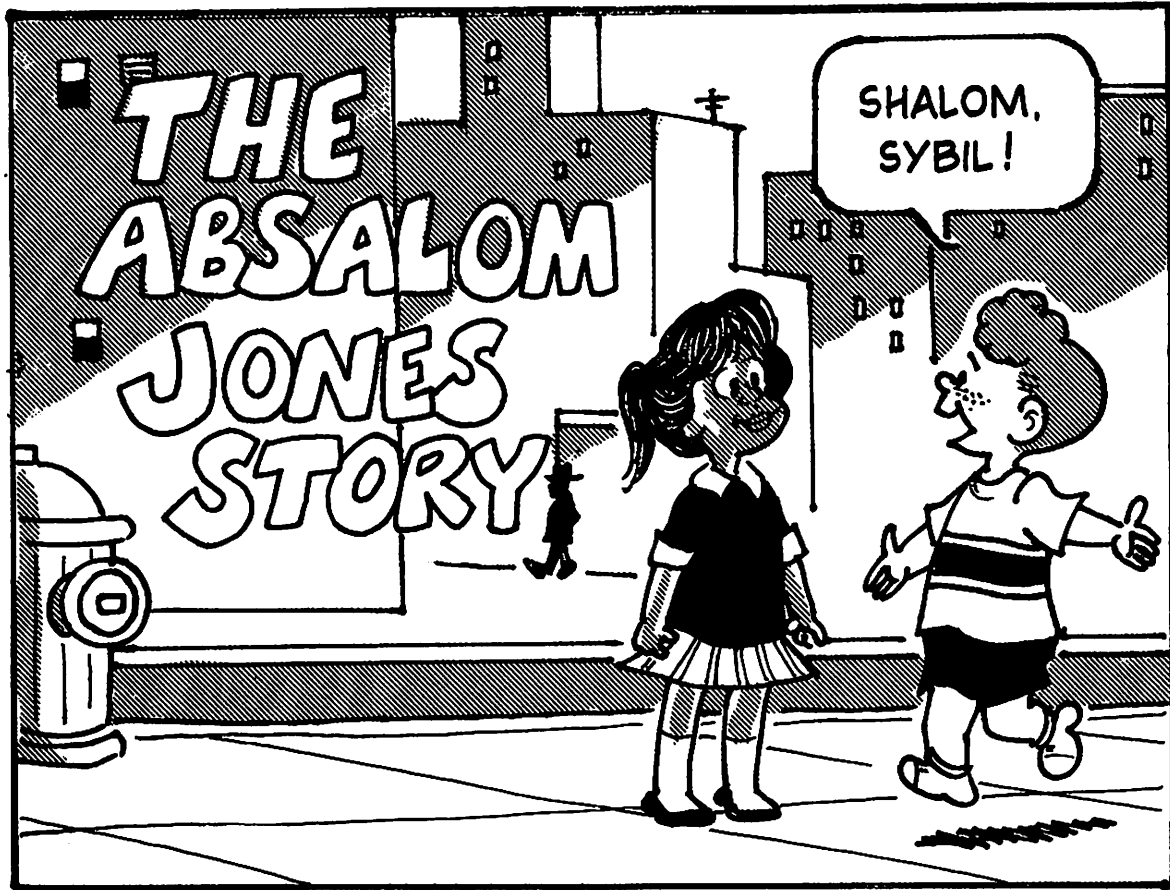






**ABSALOM**  
**JONES**





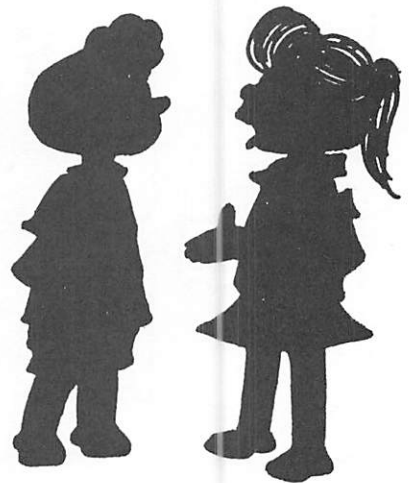
SURE! ABSALOM JONES! HE PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST "KNEEL IN" IN 1787 ALONG WITH RICHARD ALLEN AND WILLIAM WHITE AT THE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE ST. GEORGES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA,



BECAUSE THEY CHOSE TO PRAY IN THE "WHITE" SECTION OF THE CHURCH.



WHITE OFFICIALS PULLED THEM FROM THEIR KNEES...



THE BLACKS WITH-  
DREW FROM THE  
CHURCH AND FORMED  
THE FREE AFRICAN  
SOCIETY.



IN 1797 JONES  
ORGANIZED THE  
FIRST BLACK  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
THE ST. THOMAS  
PROTESTANT EPIS-  
COPAL CHURCH.



HE WAS  
ITS FIRST  
PASTOR

ALOHA!

LET'S SEE WHAT  
YOU CAN DO  
WITH "ALOHA",  
SYBIL.





THOMAS  
**PAUL**

1773 - 1831

# THE THOMAS PAUL STORY

LET ME TELL YOU  
ABOUT PAUL, RANDY



FORGET IT, GEORGE!  
I KNOW ALL ABOUT  
PAUL — SHORTLY  
AFTER HIS ORDINATION  
AS MINISTER IN 1805  
HE ORGANIZED A  
CONGREGATION OF  
FREE BLACKS IN A  
CHURCH IN BOSTON.

WORD OF HIS  
ORATORICAL AND  
ORGANIZING ABILITY  
SPREAD AMONG FREE  
BLACKS IN BOSTON  
AND PHILADELPHIA,  
AND PAUL BECAME  
A POPULAR  
EVANGELIST.





BY 1808 HE WAS  
SO FAMOUS THAT HE  
WAS INVITED TO  
SPEAK TO WHITE  
CHURCHES IN  
NEW YORK.



THIS LED TO  
THE ORGANIZATION  
OF THE ABYSSINIAN  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN NEW YORK  
UNDER HIS  
LEADERSHIP.



WITH THE AID OF THE MASSACHUSETTS  
BAPTIST SOCIETY, PAUL SPENT SIX  
MONTHS IN HAITI TEACHING AND PREACHING  
TO THE HAITIANS.



I GOTTA TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT YOU KICKING FIVE GOALS IN THE SOCCER GAME, PAUL.



HEY, NIPPER! LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT PAUL.

FORGET IT, GEORGE! I KNOW ALL ABOUT PAUL!... SHORTLY AFTER BEING ORDAINED....



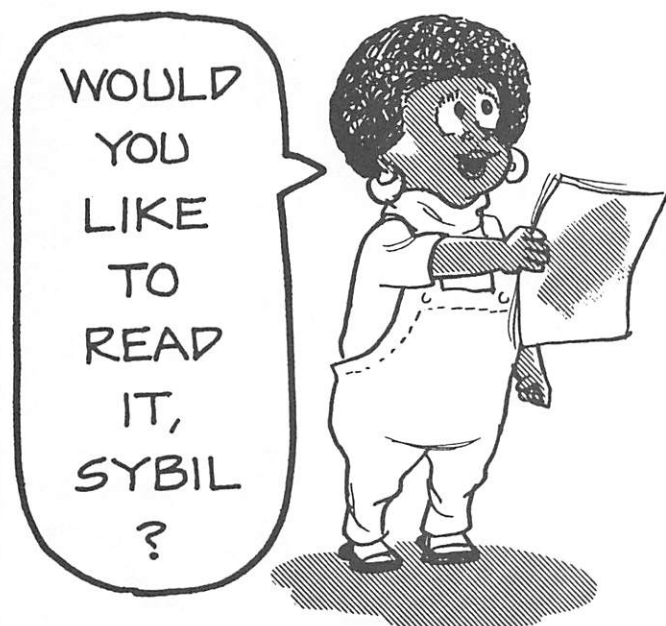
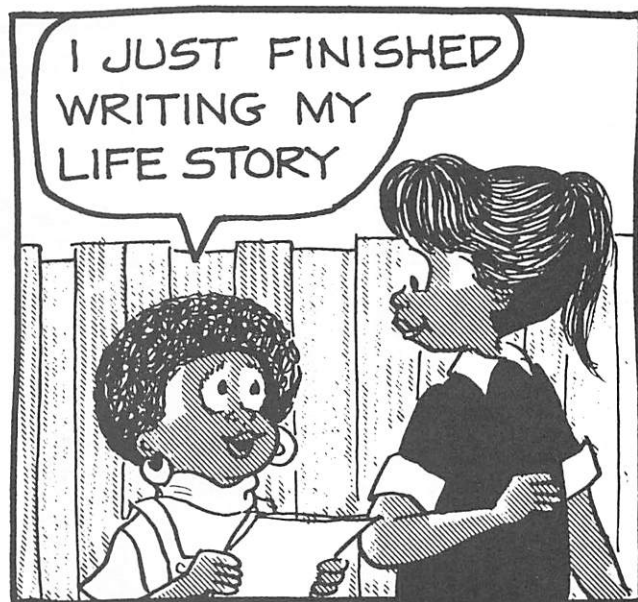


SOJOURNER TRUTH

1797 - 1885



# THE SOJOURNER TRUTH STORY



AFTER RUNNING AWAY  
TO FREEDOM YOU  
WORKED AS A  
DOMESTIC....



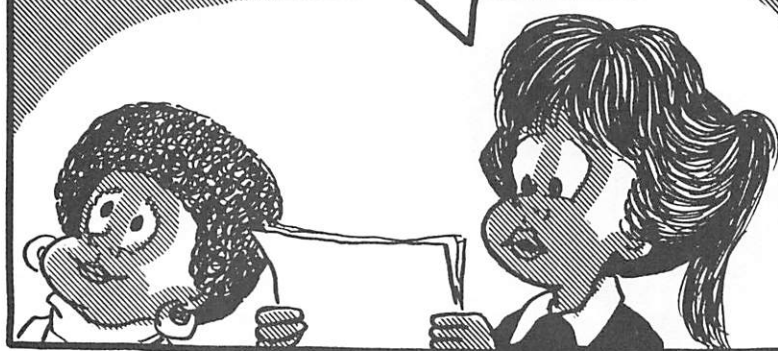
ALWAYS DEEPLY  
RELIGIOUS, IN  
1843 YOU SUDDEN-  
LY FELT REBORN  
WITH AN OVER-  
POWERING URGE  
TO SPEAK OUT  
AGAINST SLAVERY.



YOU RENAMED YOURSELF  
SOJOURNER TRUTH ?



ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO READ  
OR WRITE, YOU TRAVELED  
THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT,  
MASSACHUSETTS, OHIO,  
INDIANA AND ILLINOIS  
SPEAKING OUT AGAINST  
SLAVERY BEFORE  
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
BOTH BLACK AND WHITE.



THIS IS  
NOT YOUR  
LIFE STORY,  
MIKKI!



IT'S  
THE  
SOJOURNER  
TRUTH  
STORY.



I KNOW,  
SYBIL.



I HAVEN'T  
LIVED LONG  
ENOUGH FOR  
AN INTERESTING  
STORY SO I  
BORROWED  
HERS.

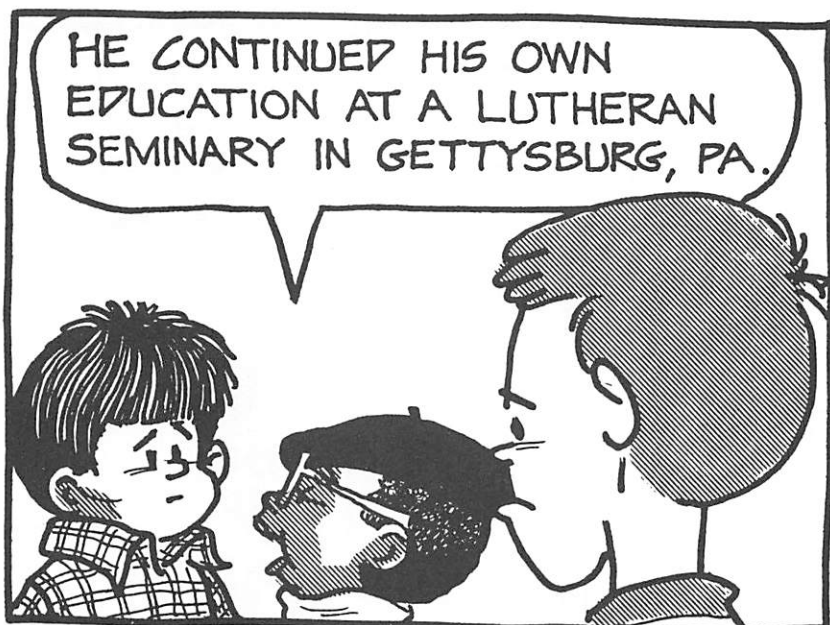
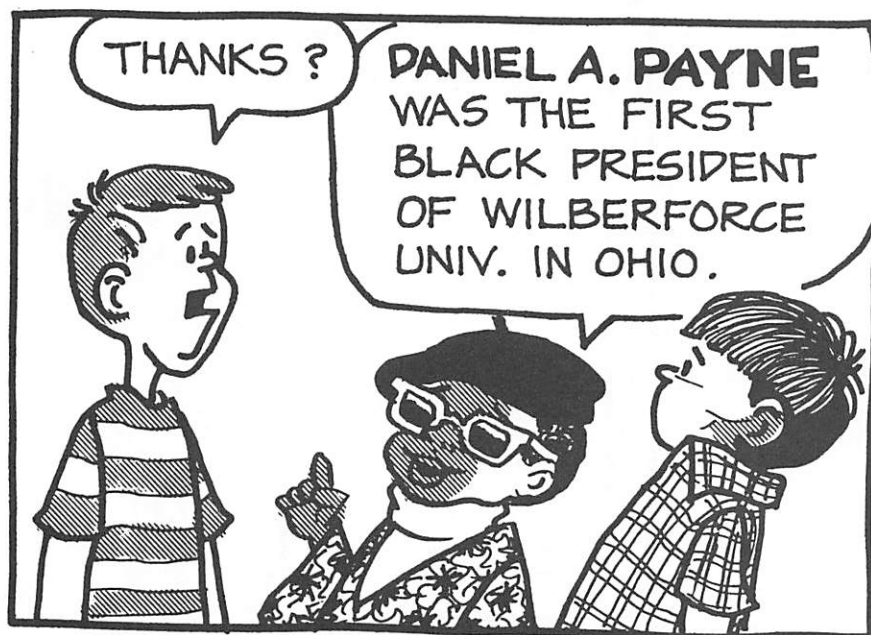




DANIEL ALEXANDER  
**PAYNE**  
1811-1893



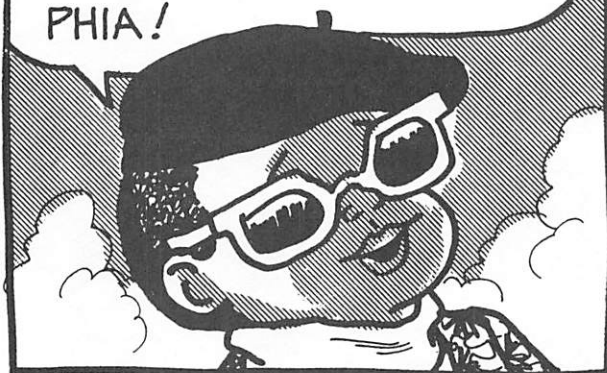
# THE DANIEL ALEXANDER **PAYNE** STORY



HE PREACHED  
FOR A WHILE  
IN TROY, NEW  
YORK, AND THEN  
OPENED ANOTHER  
SCHOOL IN  
PENNSYLVANIA.



IN 1844 HE UNITED  
WITH THE AFRICAN  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH IN PHILADEL-  
PHIA!



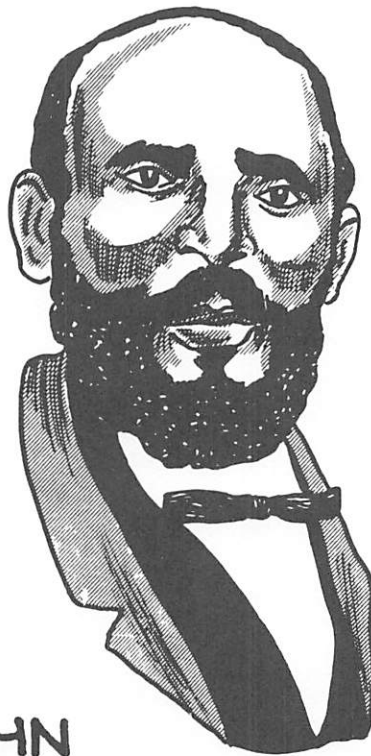
HE WAS  
APPOINTED  
CHAIRMAN  
OF A  
COMMITTEE  
ON  
EDUCATION  
BY THE  
A.M.E.  
CONFERENCE.



IN 1852 HE  
WAS ELECTED  
BISHOP!

IT'S GETTING SO YOU  
CAN'T INSULT ANY-  
BODY AROUND HERE.





JOHN

JASPER

1812 - 1901

# THE JOHN JASPER STORY

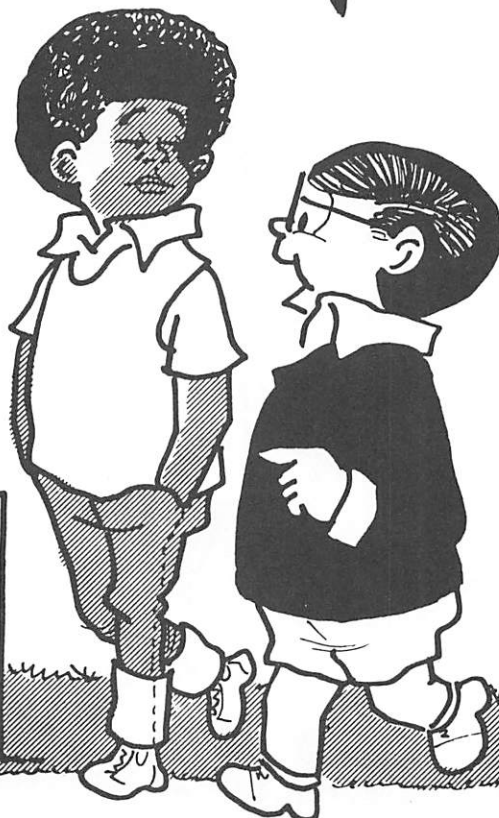
I HAVE A  
QUESTION FOR  
YOU, WELLINGTON!



ANY QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED

WELLINGTON-  
PROPRIETOR

5¢



WHO  
WAS  
JOHN  
JASPER  
?

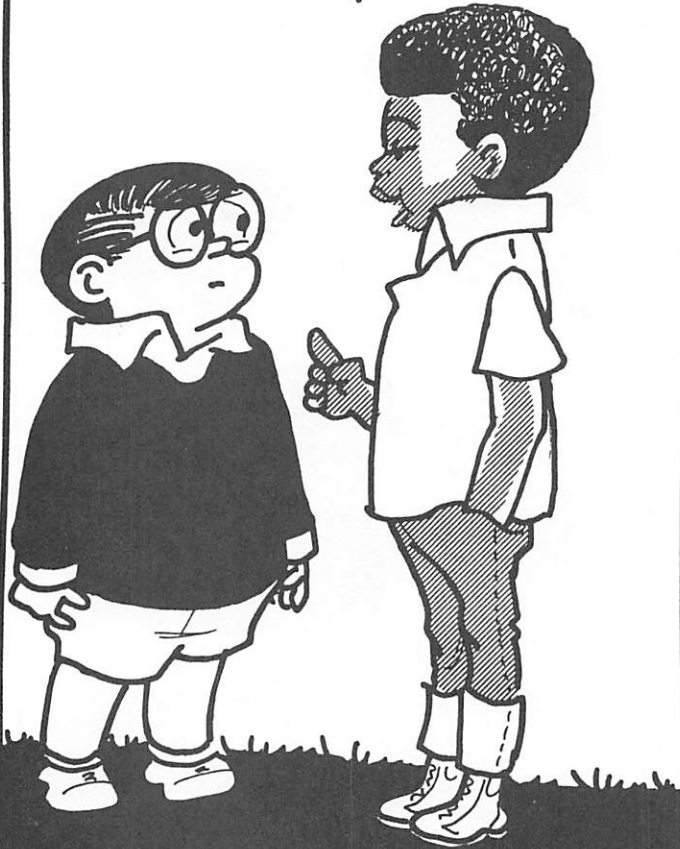


AW, THAT'S AN  
EASY ONE, OLIVER.

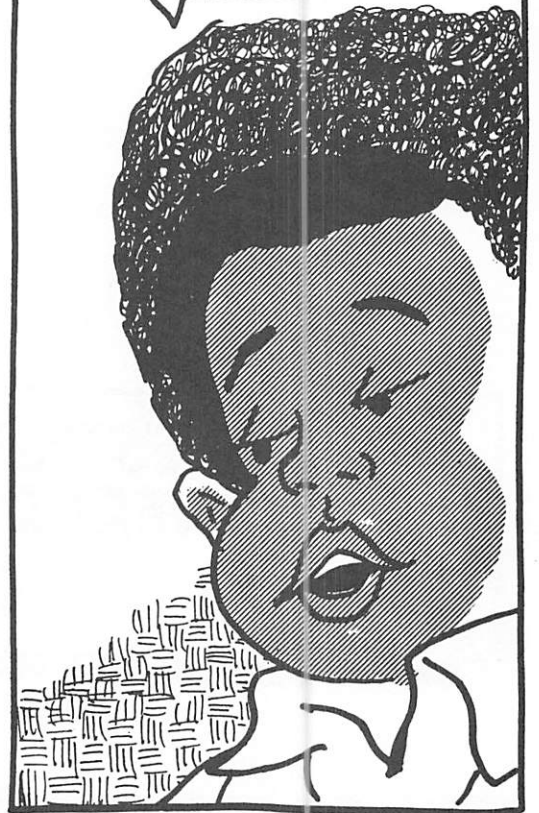




JOHN JASPER WAS  
A NATIVE OF VIRGINIA.  
HE WAS BORN DURING  
THE WAR OF 1812.

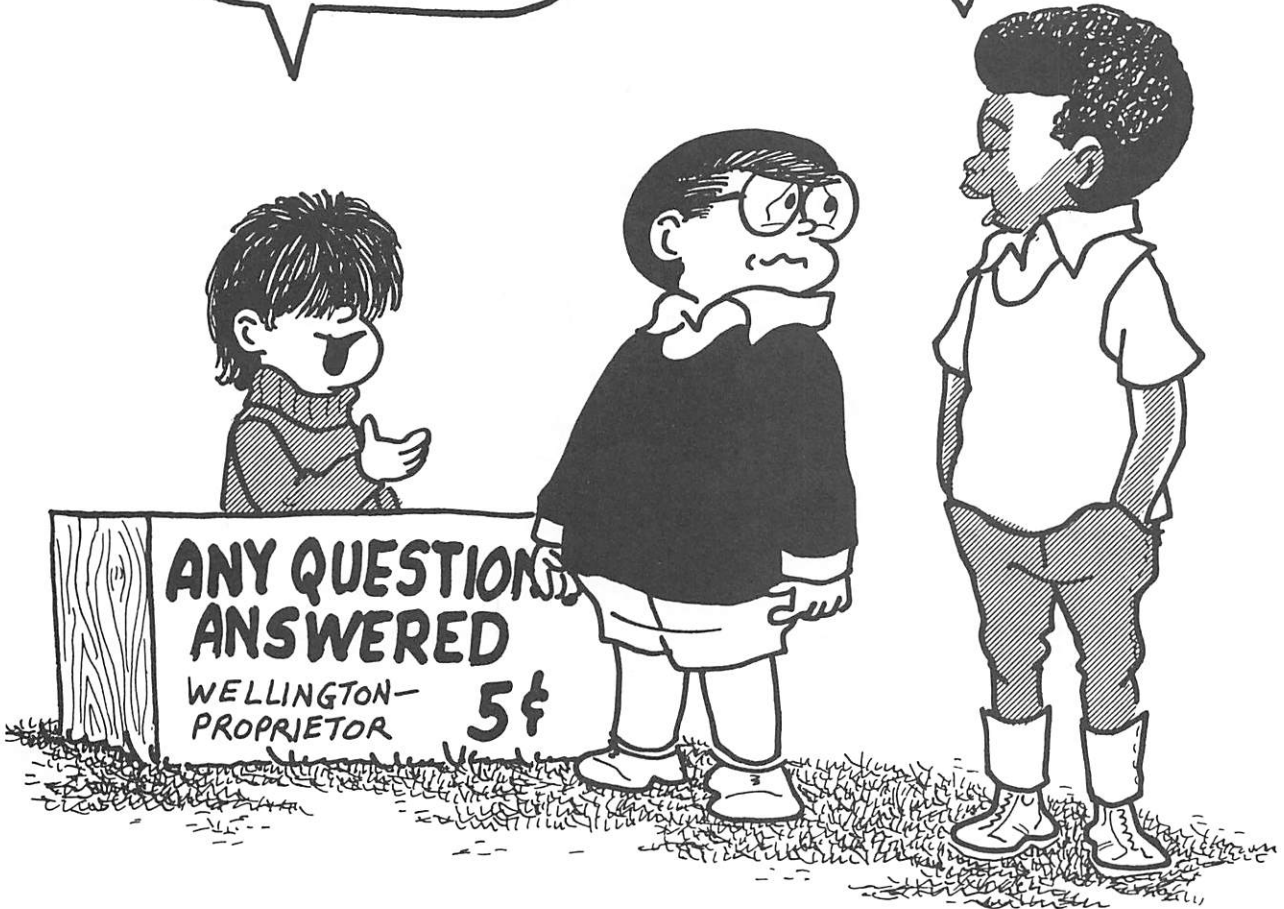
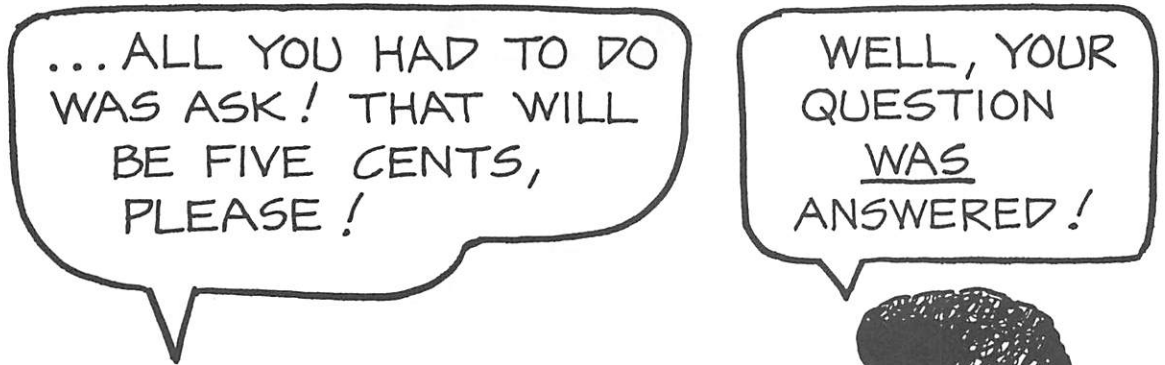
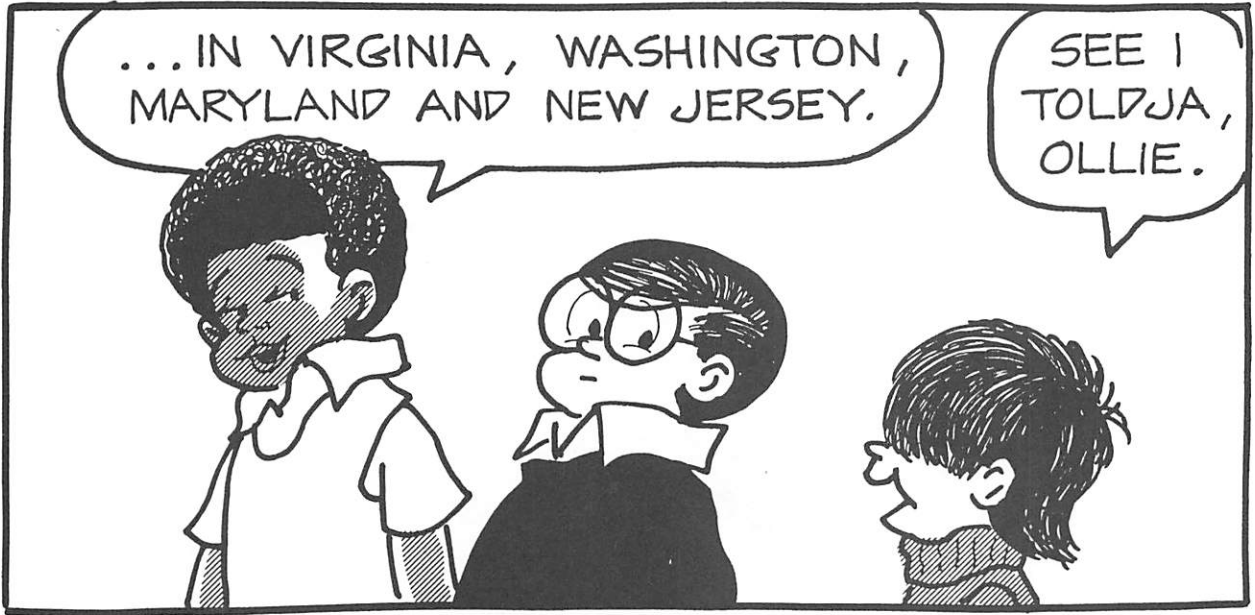


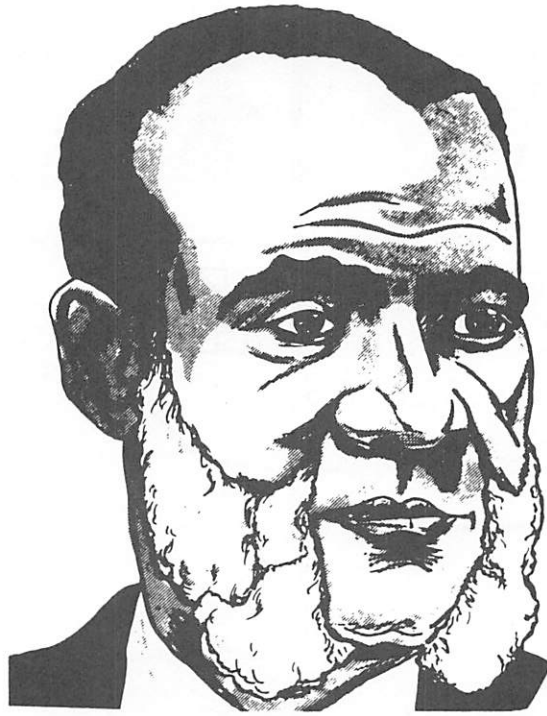
HE WAS INSPIRED  
TO PREACH WHILE  
A SLAVE - HE  
ATTRACTED  
ATTENTION AS  
A BAPTIST  
MINISTER.



FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS HE  
PREACHED TO WHITE AND  
BLACK CONGREGATIONS...







HENRY HIGHLAND

**GARNET**

1815 - 1882

THE  
HENRY  
HIGHLAND  
**GARNET**  
STORY

YOU TAKE THE HIGHLAND  
AND I'LL TAKE THE  
LOW LAND....



THAT'S A  
NICE SONG,  
JERRY.

THANK  
YOU,  
SYBIL.



IT REMINDS ME  
OF HENRY HIGHLAND  
GARNET.



HE WAS  
TAKEN  
FROM  
SLAVERY  
IN MARY-  
LAND TO  
FREEDOM  
IN NEW  
YORK BY  
HIS  
PARENTS.



HE ATTENDED THE  
AFRICAN FREE  
SCHOOL IN NEW  
YORK, THEN A  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ACADEMY.



HE HELPED BUILD  
THE ANTI-SLAVERY  
MOVEMENT WHILE  
A PASTOR AT A  
CHURCH IN TROY,  
NEW YORK.



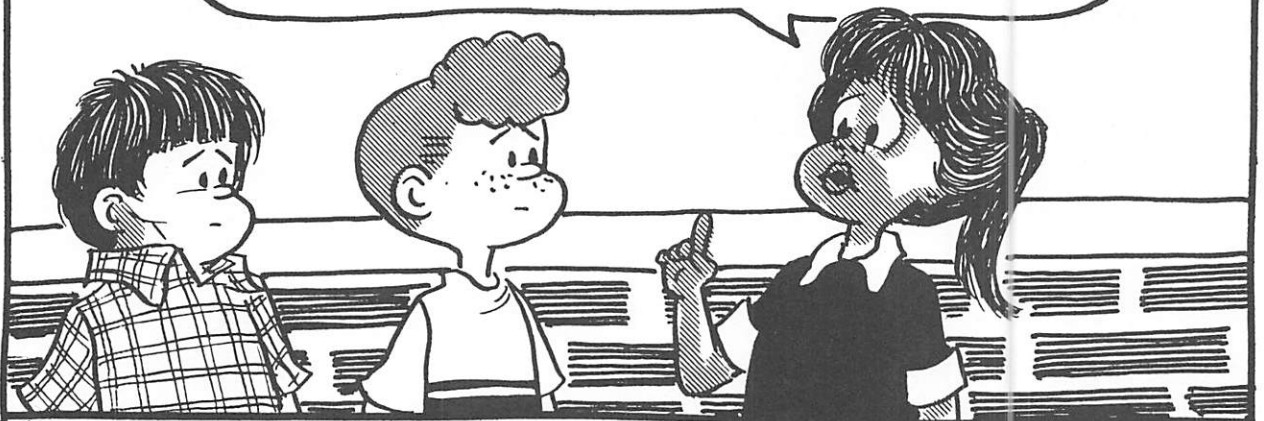
HE WAS ACTIVE  
IN THE "FREE SOIL"  
AND "LIBERTY"  
PARTIES....



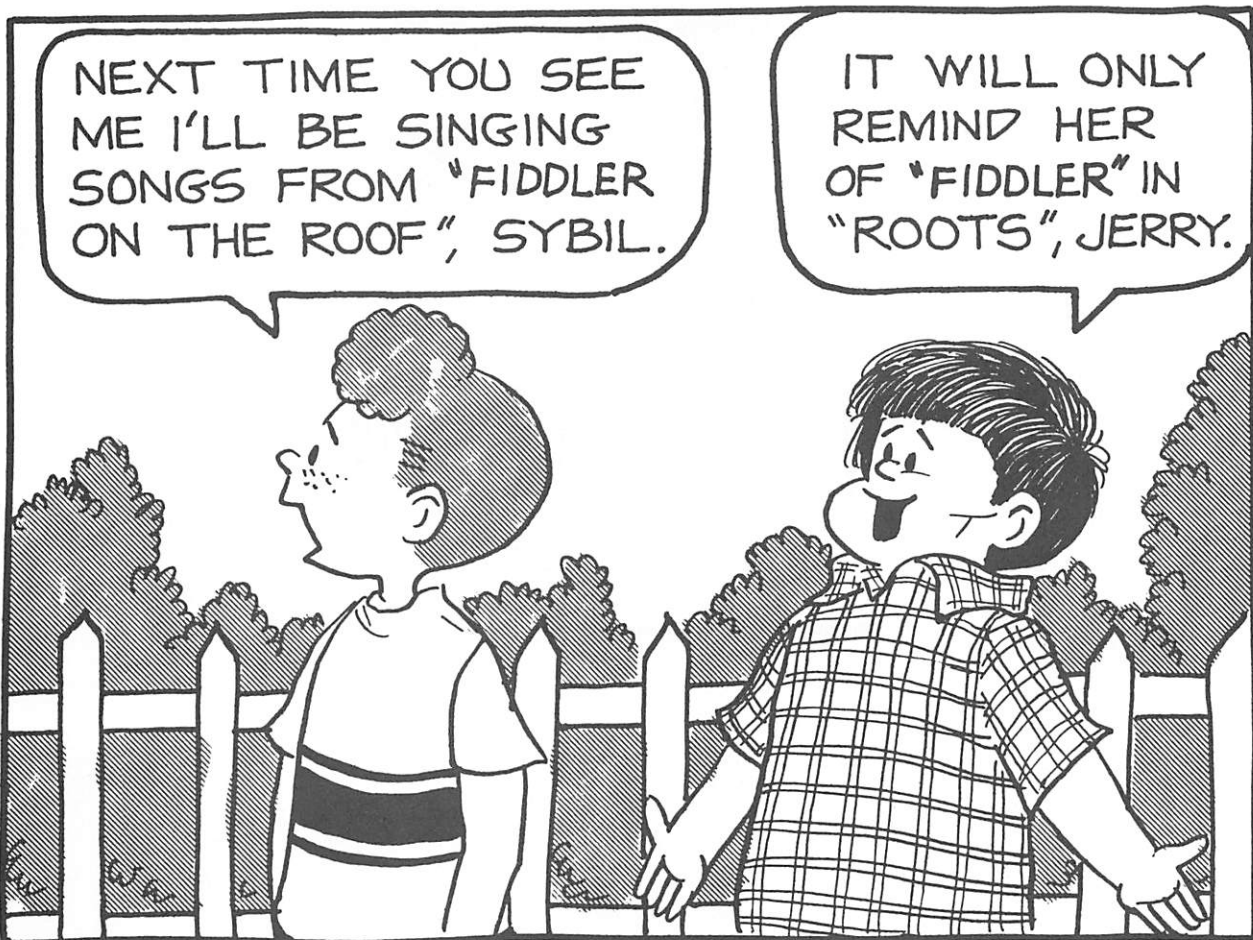
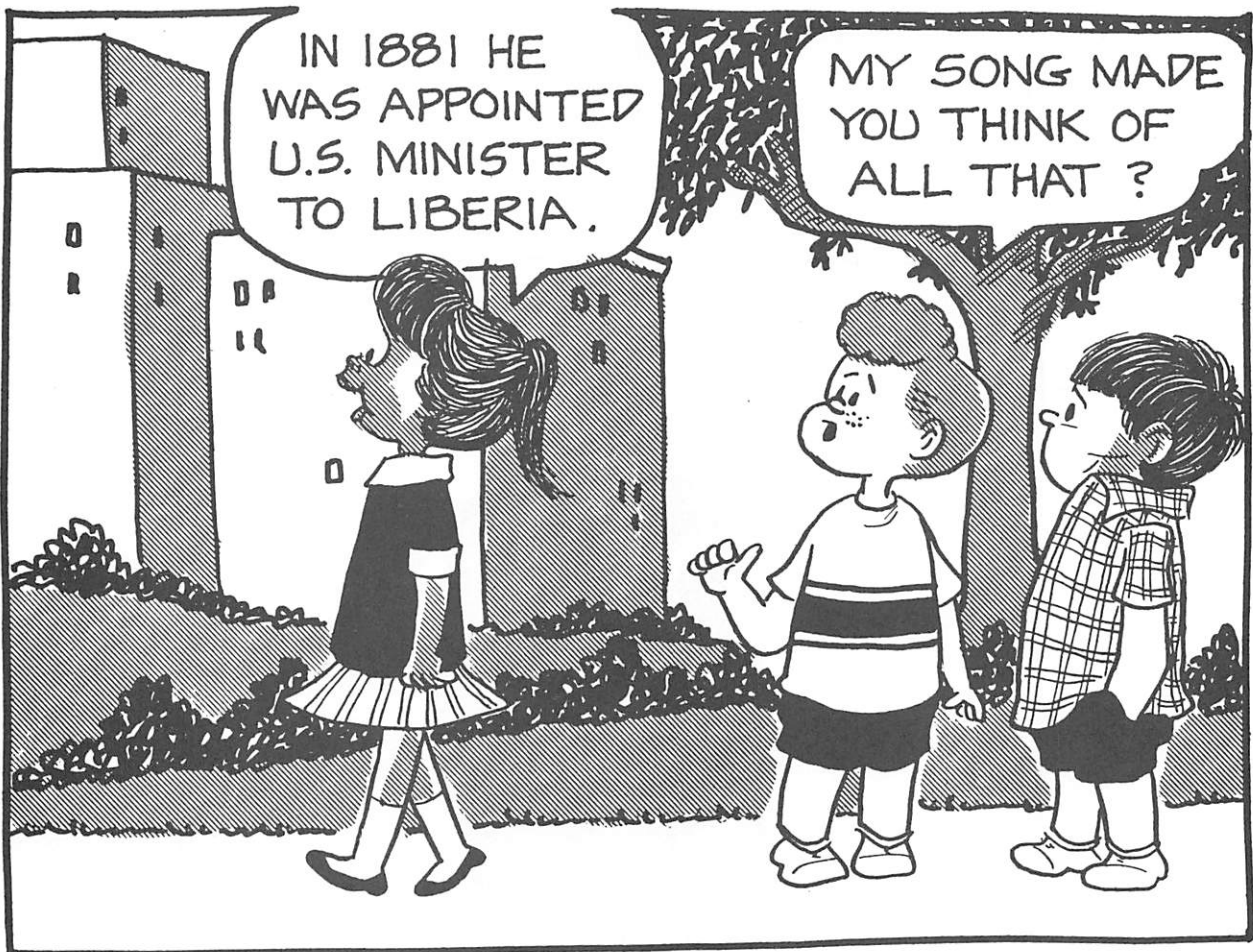
...AND EDITED  
A BLACK  
NEWSPAPER.



HE GAINED NATIONAL ATTENTION  
IN 1843 WITH A SPEECH CALLING  
ON SLAVES TO RISE.









HIRAM  
**REVELS**  
1822 - 1901

# THE HIRAM REVELS STORY

IT'S FOURTH DOWN  
AND ONE TO GO.



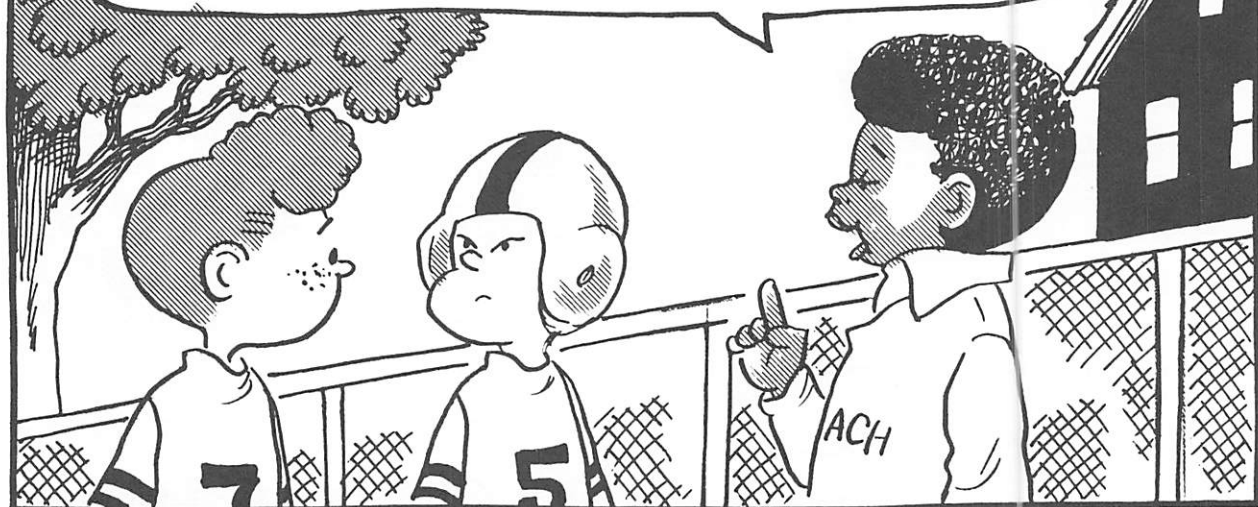
WHAT SHOULD  
WE DO NOW,  
GEORGE?

I DON'T KNOW, JERRY!  
HERE COMES THE COACH,  
HE'LL TELL US WHAT  
TO DO.





TEN YEARS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, HIRAM REVELS SAT IN THE U.S. SENATE SEAT OF JEFFERSON DAVIS BECOMING THE FIRST BLACK UNITED STATES SENATOR.



HE HAD BEEN A MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATOR AND AN ALDERMAN PRIOR TO THAT...



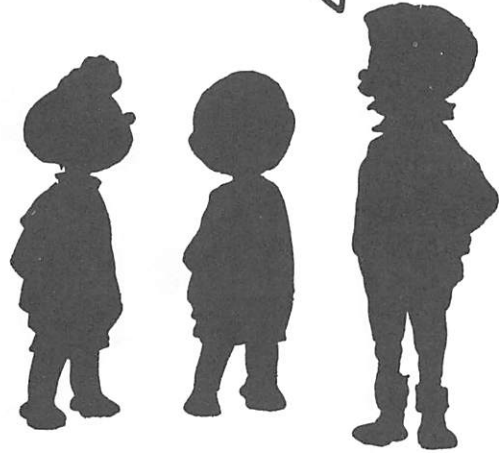
HE WAS BORN IN FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND LEFT FOR OHIO AS SOON AS HE WAS OLD ENOUGH.



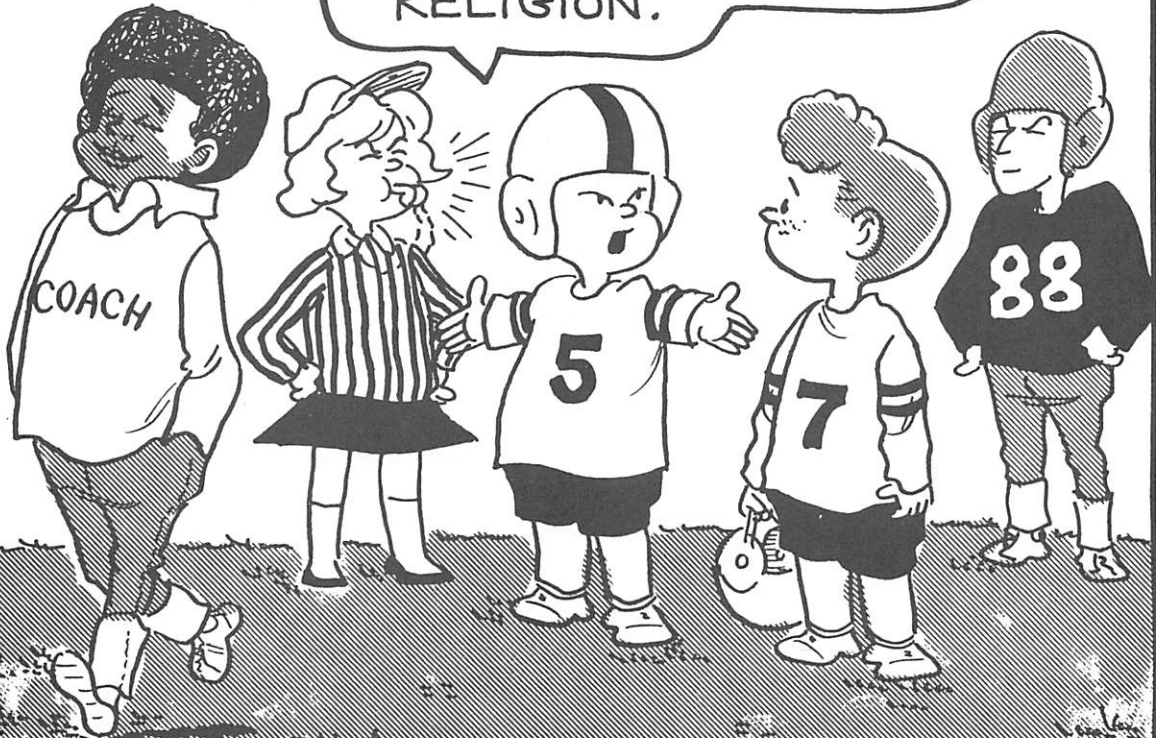
HE STUDIED AT A QUAKER SEMINARY IN OHIO AND LATER GRADUATED FROM KNOX COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS — AND DECIDED TO MAKE A CAREER IN THE MINISTRY.



WHEN THE CIVIL WAR STARTED HE LEFT THE PULPIT TO RECRUIT SOLDIERS FOR THE FIRST BLACK REGIMENT ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.



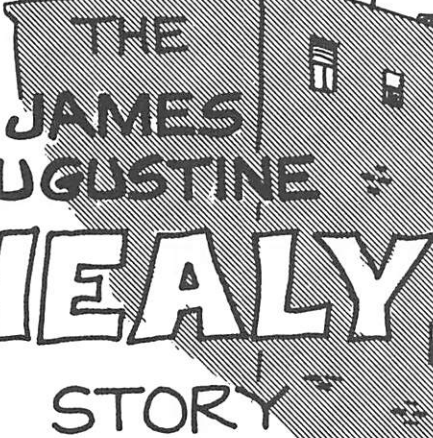
WE DON'T HAVE A COACH! WE HAVE A HISTORIAN OF BLACK RELIGION.



1830-1900

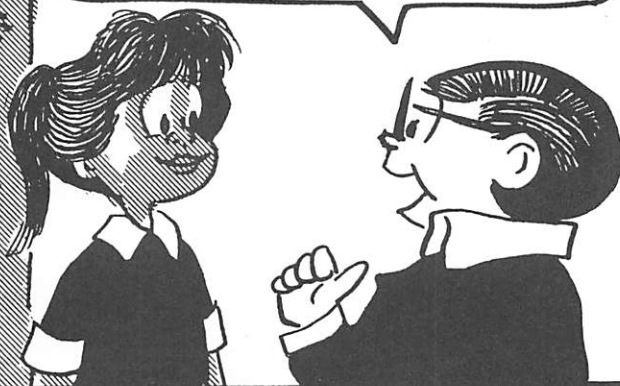
JAMES  
AUGUSTINE  
HEALY





# THE JAMES AUGUSTINE HEALY STORY

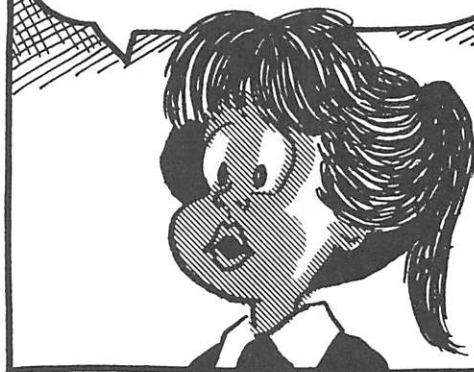
I WENT TO A  
ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH TODAY, SYBIL.



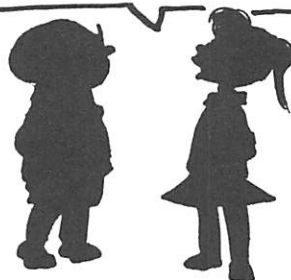
THAT'S GOOD, OLIVER!  
DID YOU KNOW THAT  
BISHOP JAMES A.  
HEALY WAS THE FIRST  
BLACK BISHOP OF  
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH IN AMERICA?



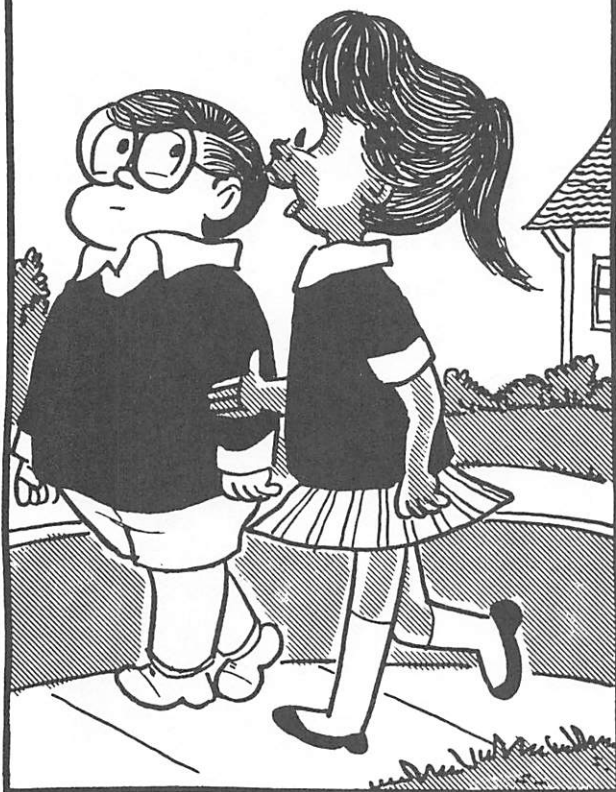
HEALY WAS A  
MULATTO SON OF  
A GEORGIA PLANTER  
AND HIS HOUSE-  
HOLD SERVANT.



HE GRADUATED AT  
THE TOP OF HIS  
CLASS AT HOLY  
CROSS COLLEGE.



HE PRESIDED OVER  
THE DIOCESE OF  
MAINE AND NEW  
HAMPSHIRE FOR  
TWENTY-FIVE  
YEARS.



JUST BEFORE HIS  
DEATH IN 1900 HE  
WAS APPOINTED TO  
THE PAPAL THRONE,  
A RANK JUST BE-  
LOW THAT OF  
CARDINAL.



I SUPPOSE IF I HAD SAID I WENT TO THE  
SYNAGOGUE, SHE WOULD HAVE TOLD  
ME ABOUT SAMMY DAVIS, JR.



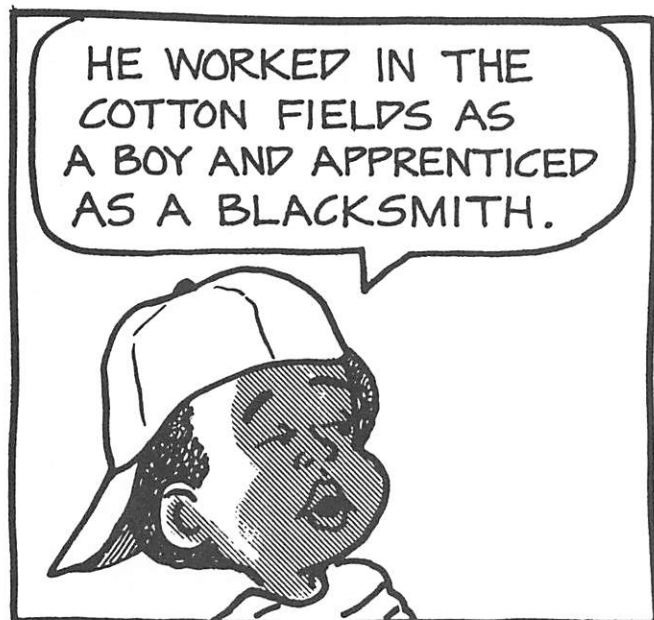
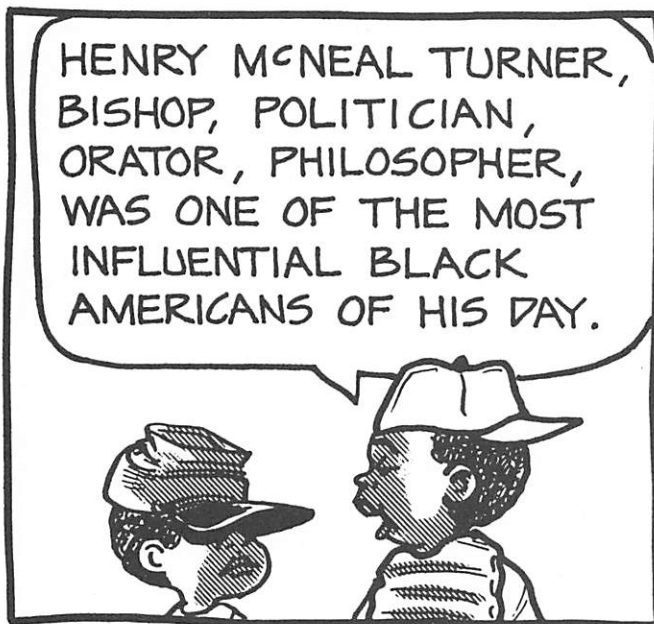
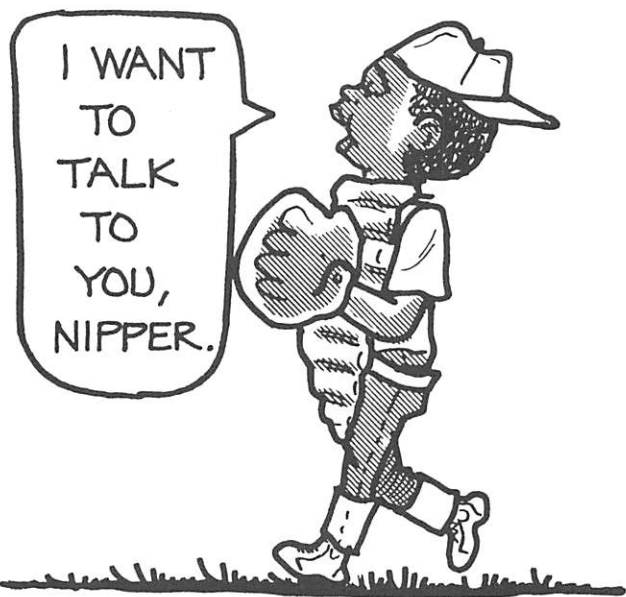


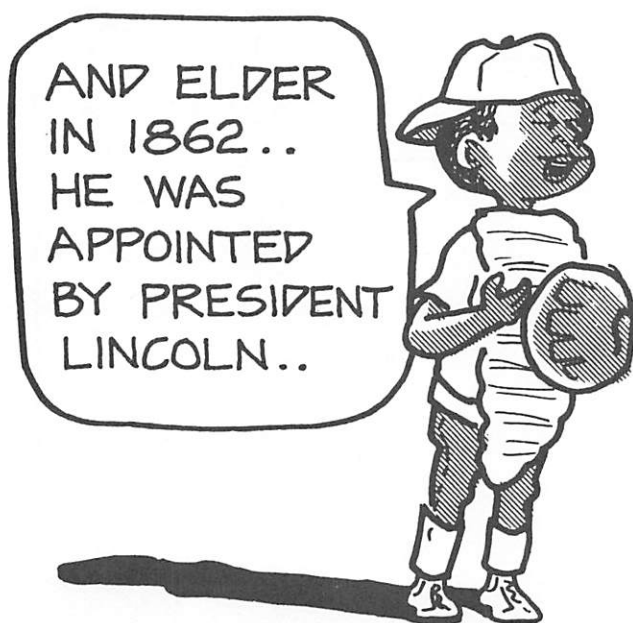
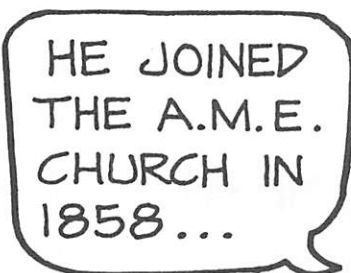
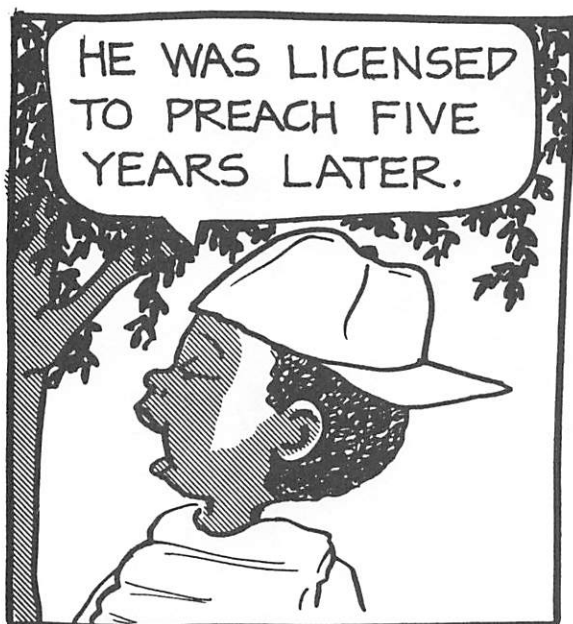


HENRY MC NEAL  
**TURNER**

1833 - 1915

# THE HENRY McNEAL TURNER STORY





IN 1868 HE WAS ELECTED  
TO THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE  
AND RE-ELECTED IN 1870.



PRESIDENT U.S.  
GRANT MADE HIM  
POSTMASTER  
OF MACON, GA.  
IN 1869.



I HAVE ALWAYS  
WONDERED WHAT  
CATCHERS TALKED  
TO THEIR PITCHERS  
ABOUT!





AUGUSTUS  
**TOLTON**  
1834 - 1897



# THE AUGUSTUS TOLTON STORY

LET ME TELL  
YOU ABOUT AUGUST,  
SYBIL.



IT'S AUGUSTUS, MIKKI!  
AUGUSTUS TOLTON TO  
BE EXACT.



HE WAS BORN  
IN RALLS COUNTY,  
MISSOURI, AND  
GREW UP IN  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS..



WHERE HIS MOTHER HAD  
TAKEN HIM AFTER  
ESCAPING FROM SLAVERY.



HE WAS ADMITTED  
TO THE COLLEGE OF  
PROPAGANDA AT  
ROME IN 1880 ...

AND WAS ORDAINED  
A PRIEST ON HOLY  
SATURDAY, APRIL  
24, 1886, BECOMING  
THE FIRST BLACK  
AMERICAN PRIEST.



SO NEXT TIME SAY  
AUGUSTUS, NOT AUGUST!

I JUST WANTED TO  
TELL YOU THAT WE'RE  
GOING TO VISIT MY  
GRANDMA IN AUGUST.



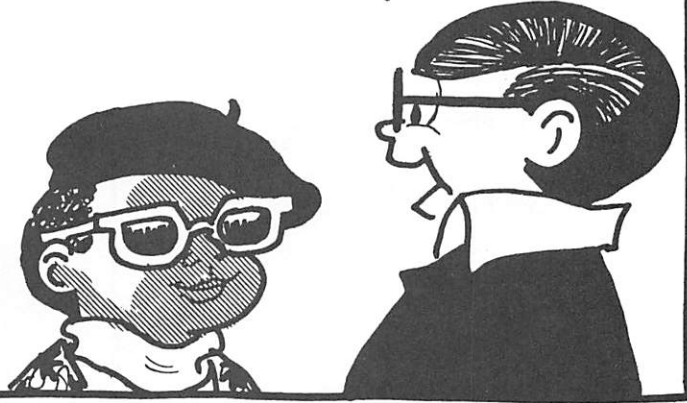
1865 - 1953

ADAM CLAYTON  
**POWELL**, SR.



# THE ADAM CLAYTON POWELL<sup>SR</sup> STORY

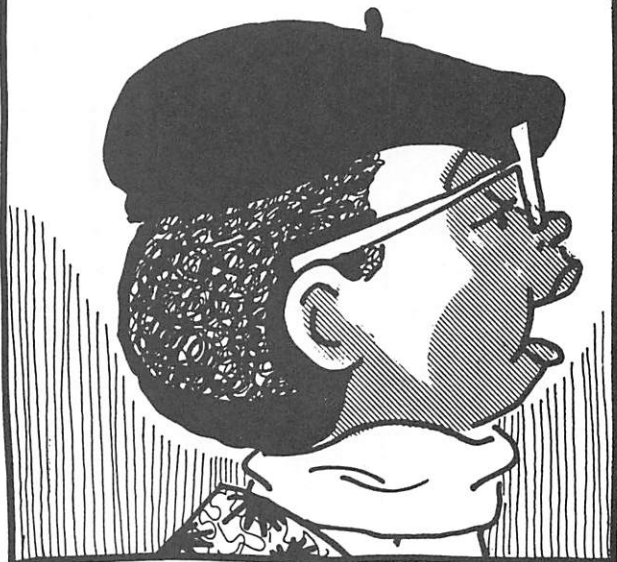
HI, DIZ ! WHAT  
DO YOU KNOW ?



WELL, I KNOW THAT  
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL,  
SR., WAS BORN IN A  
ONE-ROOM LOG CABIN  
IN THE BACKWOODS  
OF VIRGINIA.



HE LATER WORKED  
IN THE MINES  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
BETWEEN SCHOOL.  
IN 1888 HE ENTERED  
WAYLAND ACADEMY  
( LATER KNOWN AS  
VIRGINIA UNION  
UNIVERSITY )



HE WORKED HIS  
WAY THROUGH  
SCHOOL AS A  
JANITOR AND  
WAITER.



HE CONTINUED HIS  
EDUCATION AT YALE  
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL  
OF DIVINITY.



IN 1908 HE BECAME  
PASTOR OF THE  
ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST  
CHURCH IN NEW  
YORK CITY.....



..AND BUILT IT INTO  
THE WORLD'S LARGEST  
BLACK CONGREGATION.





WHEN THE DEPRESSION OF 1929  
REACHED HARLEM, HE OPENED  
SOUP KITCHENS WHICH SERVED  
THOUSANDS OF MEALS.



HIS CHURCH  
CONTINUED ITS  
GROWTH IN THE  
HANDS OF HIS  
SON ADAM  
CLAYTON  
POWELL, JR.



THAT'S  
WHAT  
I KNOW,  
OLLIE !

I'M  
GLAD  
I  
ASKED,  
DIZ.





ADAM CLAYTON  
**POWELL**, JR.  
1908 - 1972

# THE ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. STORY

HE BECAME PASTOR  
OF ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST  
CHURCH IN HARLEM IN  
1932.



ADAM CLAYTON  
POWELL, JR., WAS ONE  
OF THE MOST POWER-  
FUL AND CONTROVERSIAL  
BLACK POLITICIANS OF  
HIS DAY, ELECTED  
TO CONGRESS IN 1944.



AFTER HIS GRADUATION FROM COLUMBIA  
UNIVERSITY IN 1932, HE USED HIS POLITICAL  
SKILL TO HELP THE BLACK PEOPLE  
OF NEW YORK CITY.



WHILE SERVING ON  
THE NEW YORK CITY  
COUNCIL, HE WORKED  
TO GET BETTER JOB  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
BLACK PEOPLE...



...AND LED BOYCOTTS  
AGAINST WHITE BUS-  
INESSES THAT REFUSED  
TO HIRE BLACKS.

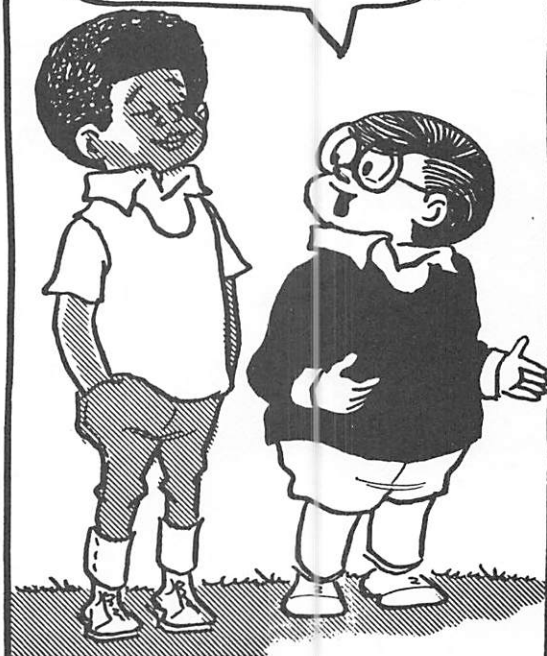


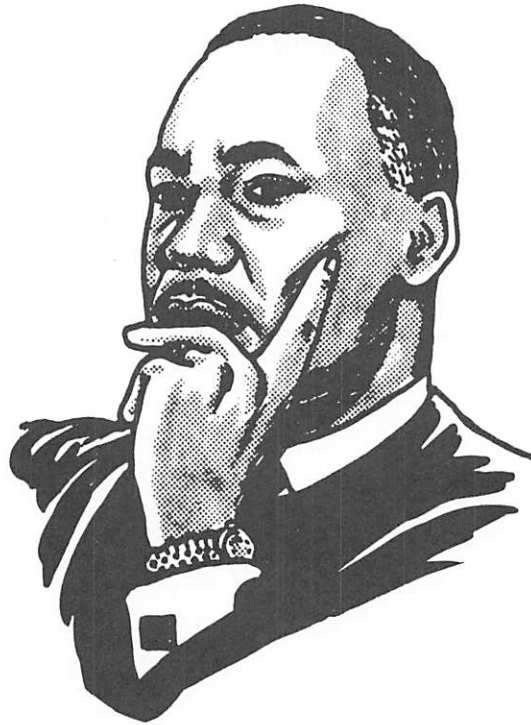
THANK  
YOU,  
RANDY.

THANK  
YOU ?



WELLINGTON  
APPRECIATES A  
LEARNING  
EXPERIENCE.





DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
**KING**, JR.  
1929 - 1968



THE  
DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER  
**KING**, JR.  
STORY

ONCE UPON A TIME  
THERE LIVED A GREAT  
MAN CALLED DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.



BORN IN ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA, FROM A  
LONG LINE OF OLD  
FASHIONED GEORGIA  
MINISTERS.

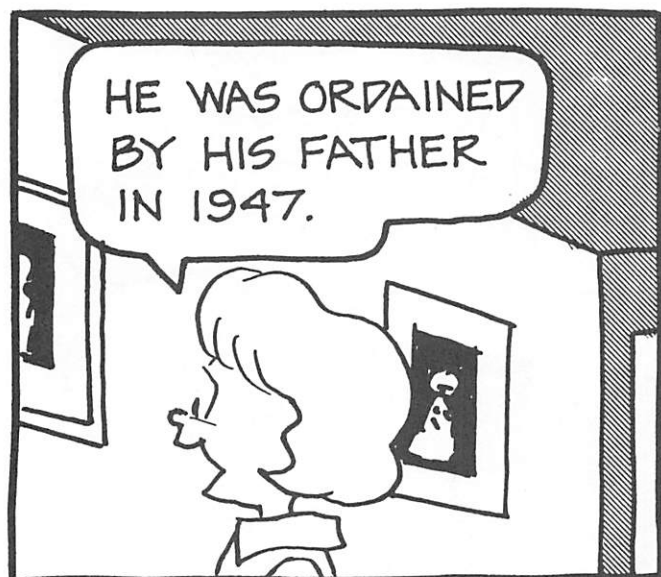


HE WAS AT FIRST  
INDIFFERENT TO  
THE MINISTRY AS  
A VOCATION....  
HE ATTENDED  
MOREHOUSE  
COLLEGE IN ATLANTA.

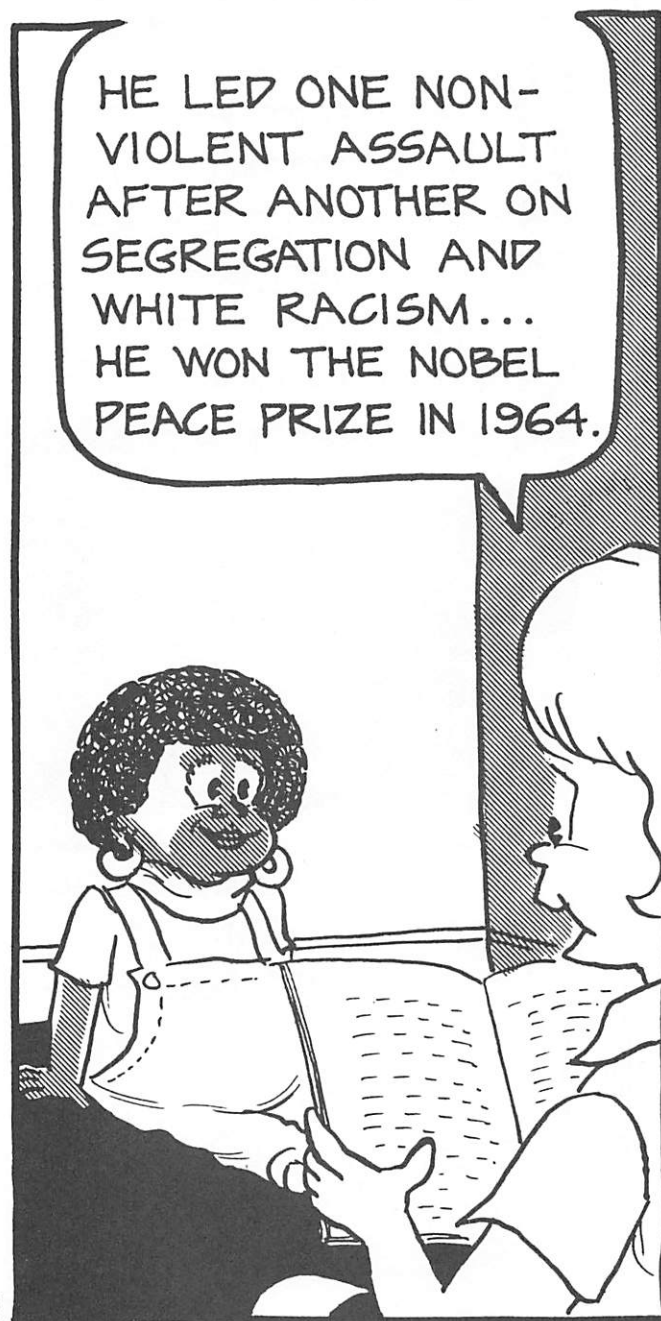


UNDER THE INFLUENCE  
OF ITS FAMED  
PRESIDENT DR. BEN-  
JAMIN E. MAYS, KING  
CHANGED HIS MIND  
ABOUT THE  
MINISTRY.

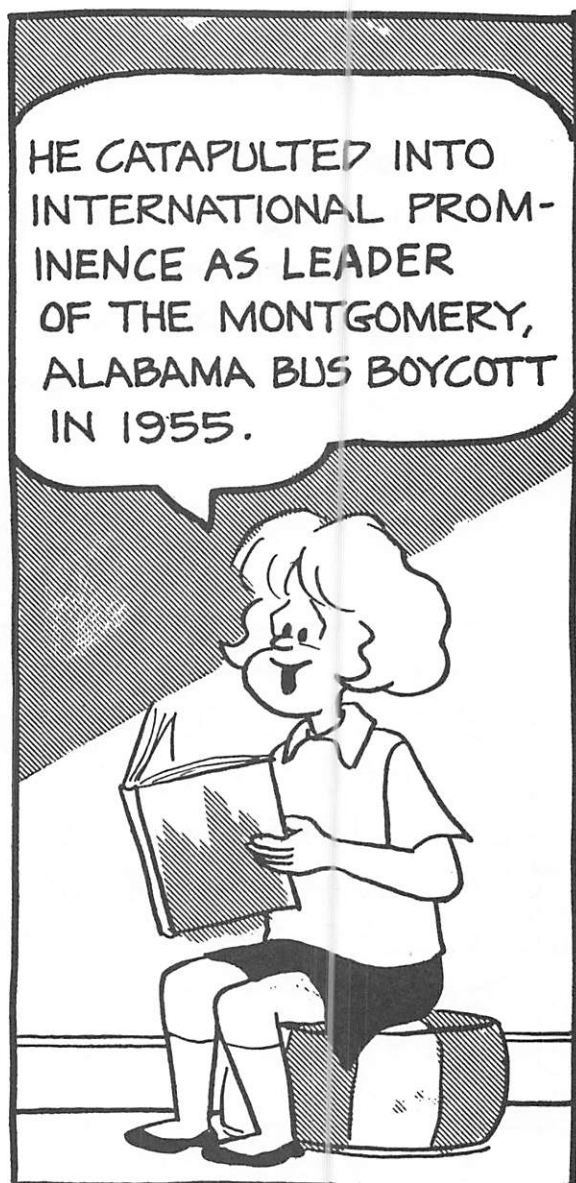




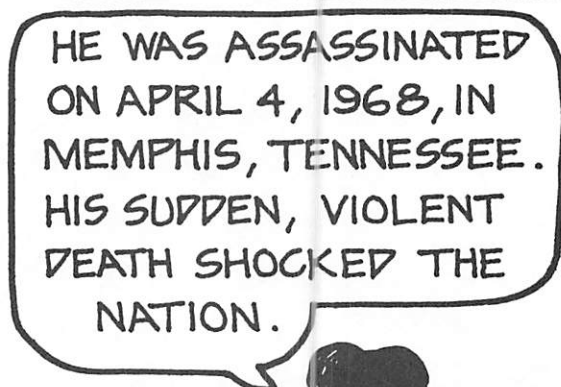
HE WAS ORDAINED  
BY HIS FATHER  
IN 1947.



HE LED ONE NON-  
VIOLENT ASSAULT  
AFTER ANOTHER ON  
SEGREGATION AND  
WHITE RACISM...  
HE WON THE NOBEL  
PEACE PRIZE IN 1964.



HE CATAPULTE7 INTO  
INTERNATIONAL PROM-  
INENCE AS LEADER  
OF THE MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA BUS BOYCOTT  
IN 1955.

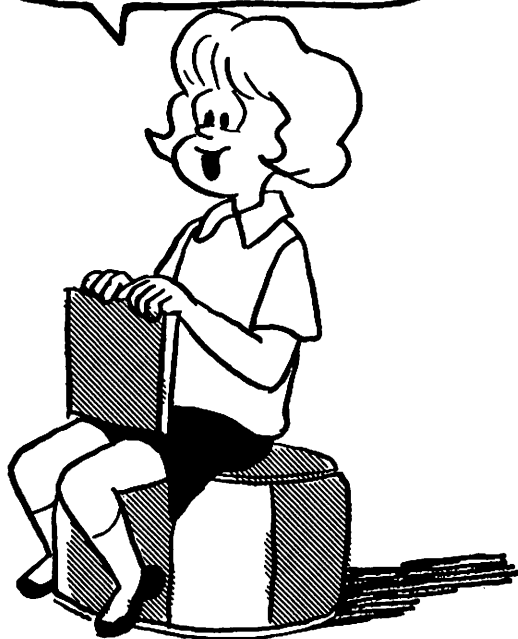


HE WAS ASSASSINATED  
ON APRIL 4, 1968, IN  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.  
HIS SUDDEN, VIOLENT  
DEATH SHOCKED THE  
NATION.

NO PERSON IN THE  
ENTIRE HISTORY OF  
BLACK AMERICA MADE  
AS GREAT AN IMPACT  
ON THE NATION  
AS DID HE.



WELL, HOW DID  
YOU LIKE THE  
STORY, MIKKI ?



WELL, IT BEATS THE  
HECK OUT OF "SNOW  
WHITE", CONNIE !

